

WHAT DOES BELONGING MEAN AT CREIGHTON PREP

Belonging at Creighton Prep is more than just feeling included—it's knowing that you are seen for who you truly are, embraced in brotherhood as you discover your unique gifts and talents, and empowered to express them as a man for others.

Key Elements of Belonging at Creighton Prep

- **JESUIT FOUNDATION** | Belonging is deeply rooted in Jesuit values, especially *cura personalis* (care for the whole person). It involves treating every individual with dignity, empathy and love, inspired by the mission of Christ.
- **IDENTITY AND ACCEPTANCE** | Everyone—students, families, alumni, faculty and staff—should feel welcomed, included and accepted. Belonging means people feel safe to express their full selves without fear of exclusion. Belonging allows people to express their cultural, personal or social identities without fear. It involves recognition and respect for each individual's uniqueness.
- **CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY** | Belonging is built through genuine relationships, shared values and meaningful connections with others. These connections foster a sense of purpose, confidence and unity.
- **INCLUSION OVER EXCLUSION** | Exclusion can lead to isolation and feelings of invisibility. Belonging ensures that people are not just included but are actively welcomed and valued.
- **EQUITY AND ACCESS** | Creighton Prep is committed to equity, working to remove barriers that prevent students from fully participating or feeling included. Resources and opportunities are intentionally structured to ensure fair treatment and support for all.
- **STUDENT VOICE AND LEADERSHIP** | Students are encouraged to lead in building a culture of belonging. Their experiences and perspectives are essential in shaping a school environment that is both responsive and inclusive.
- **ONGOING REFLECTION AND GROWTH** | Belonging is not a static goal or a one-time achievement—it requires continuous reflection, listening and action. It is something we must nurture continuously, through empathy, kindness and inclusive actions. Faculty and staff are called to lead by example and constantly evolve practices to create a sense of belonging.

Why Belonging Matters

- Supports mental and emotional well-being
- Encourages diversity, inclusion and collaboration
- Fosters stronger relationships and communities
- Helps individuals thrive personally and socially
- Provides a sense of trust and comfort



FOSTERING BELONGING

AT CREIGHTON PREP

